Cost incurred on a domestic LPG cylinder

337. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Government cost on LPG Cylinder;

(b) what amount of subsidy is given by Government on each cylinder;

(c) what is the total loss incurred by Government in this regard annually; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to make up the loss?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) About Rs. 140 per cylinder excluding Sales Tax, Local levies and delivery charges.

(b) About Rs. 68.00 per cylinder for domestic use.

(c) and (d) The loss on account of this subsidy is about Rs. 1145 crores to reduce this loss the subsidy has been partially withdrawn recently.

Increase of quota of L.P.G. distribution to the SC/ST

338. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the quota for allotment of L.P.G. distributorship in rural areas in favour of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in order to elevate them to the upper strata of society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to increase the existing quota of 25% to SC/ST.

Draft plan for setting up of gas agencies, petrol diesel pumps

339. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared the draft plan for setting up of Gas Agencies, Petrol/diesel pumps in the country?

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the plan is proposed to be approved; and

(c) the details of marketing plan prepared for the state of Orissa for the years upto 1997, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Draft marketing plans are submitted by the Oil Industry for Government's approval.

(b) Marketing Plan for Retail Outlets for 1988—93 containing 1508 locations has already been approved. Draft LPG Marketing Plan for 1992—97 is under examination.

(c) 29 Retail Outlet dealerships have been included in the Marketing Plan for the State of Orissa.

Setting up of Oil Refineries in Orissa

340. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the details of proposals received, examined or cleared for the setting up of Oil Refineries in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Government has permitted Indian Oil Corporation Limited to set up 6 million tonnes per annum capacity refinery as a joint venture in the Eastern India during the 8th/9th Plan period. Government has also issued a Letter of Intent to M/s Ashok Leyland-

Gotco for setting up of a 6 MMTPA refinery in Orissa in the private sector.

Insurance cover for L.P.G. consumers

341. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a scheme to provide insurance cover to all the families using L.P.G. on a "no fault" Liability basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of LPG through pipeline

342. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some production companies in Bombay are intending to supply LPG to consumers in the Metropolitan through pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme and the areas likely to be covered thereby; and

(c) whether Govt. also propose to extend this scheme to other cities and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no proposal to supply LPG through pipelines to any metropolitan town.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Plans to reduce imports of oil and Petroleum Products

343. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil import bill for the current financial year is likely to be of the order of 5.8 billion dollars;

(b) whether Government have any plans to reduce imports of oil and petroleum products by increasing indigenous production of crude oil; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI. B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The oil import bill would depend upon the prices prevailing in the international market and also the quantities of the crude and products to be imported.

(b) and (c) Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity by taking up expansion of existing refineries and by setting up of new grass root refineries. Besides taking up a number of oil field development projects, Government have also permitted private investment in oil and gas field development programme to increase the indigenous production of crude oil.

Reducing Consumption of Petrol and Petroleum Products

344. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for reducing the consumption of petrol and petroleum products so as to save foreign exchange involved in their imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The